

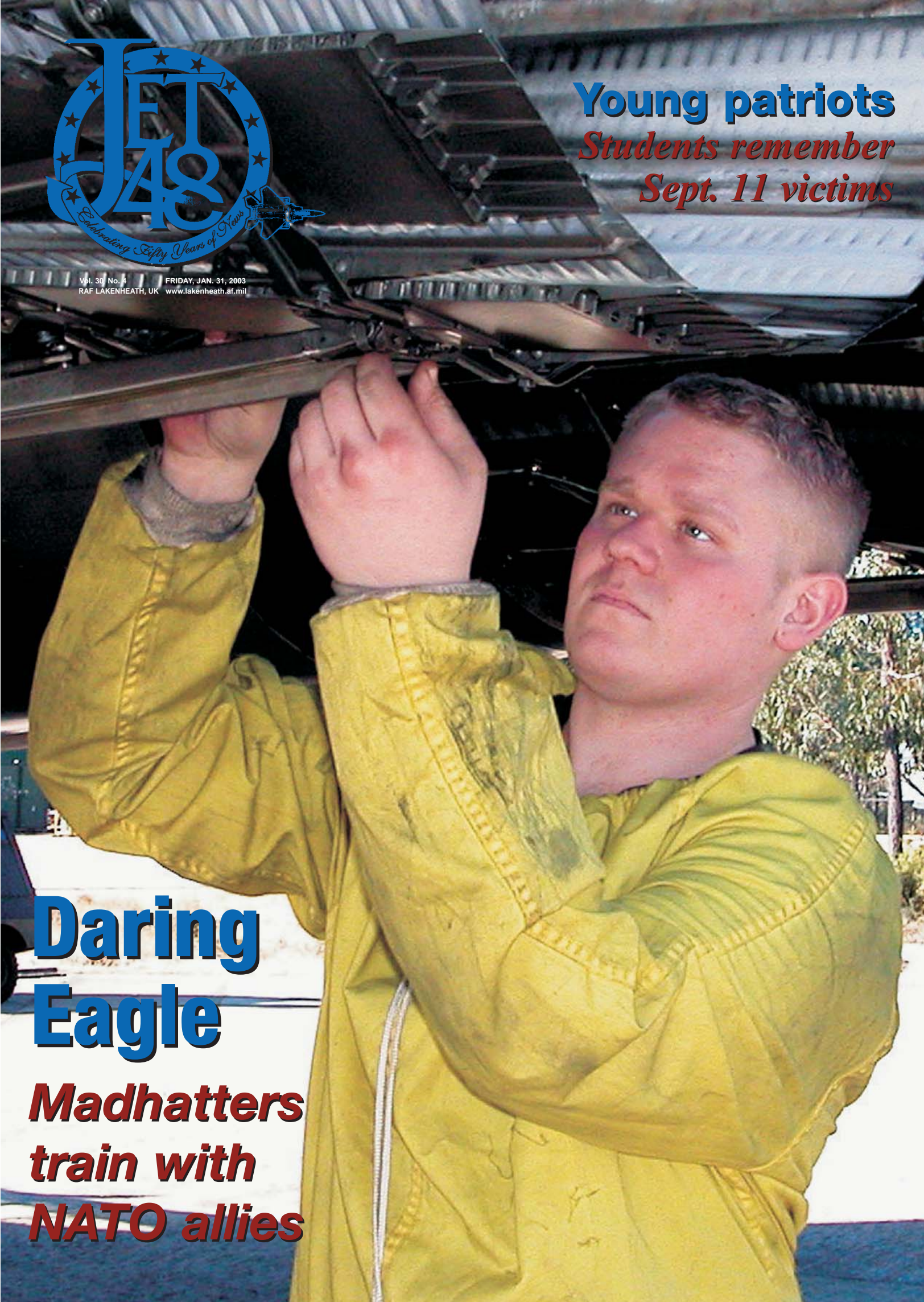


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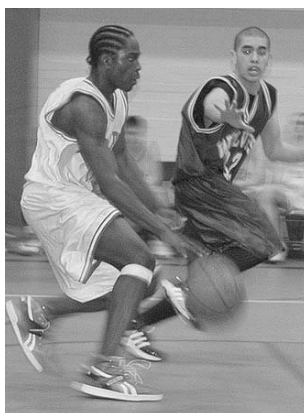
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Senior Airman Mike Mills, 48th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief, performs a post-flight inspection on an F-15E Strike Eagle engine Jan. 23 at Air Base No. 5, Monte Real, Portugal, during Daring Eagle 03. *Photo by Master Sgt. William Ackerman.* See Pages 12 and 13 for story.

YOUR LINK TO THE COMMANDER

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48th Fighter Wing commander

Bad road conditions

I live in government housing in Thetford and when I drove out of the housing area at 6:30 a.m., the road was covered with ice and packed snow from snowfall. I was only going 5 to 10 mph, but as I approached the exit to the housing area and put on my brakes to check for approaching traffic, my car merely skidded on the ice into the intersection. If any traffic would have been approaching from either direction, I would have been broadsided. Thankfully no one was coming. Once my car got into the road, onto pavement that was warmed by frequent traffic, it regained traction. Could the road in the Thetford housing area, especially by the entrance and exit, be treated with sand or salt or something to prevent such sliding? At the very least, could one of those containers be installed that keeps such supplies available for the residents to throw onto the road when needed?

Thank you for your inquiry and suggestion. With ice and snow, all roads, whether in the United Kingdom or anywhere else, are simply dangerous. The United Kingdom treats icy roads as we do in the United States: main roads get treated first, secondary roads are treated if there are sufficient resources. In all likelihood, the roads in Thetford base housing will not be treated because of priority and limited resources. So what is our plan? Our plan includes placement of two or three bins filled with sand. The bins will be strategically placed in high traffic areas and will be operational by the end of this month. Our civil engineer squadron will supply the sand, but the responsibility for spreading the sand rests with the occupants. Please drive carefully. Collectively we can make a difference. Live safely!

SECDEF: Sacrifices military families make don't go unnoticed

BY DONALD H. RUMSFELD

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

For more than a year, the brave men and women of the U.S. military, together with their civilian counterparts in the Department of Defense, have been working to preserve peace and defend freedom against terrorist forces and those who would harbor and protect them around the world.

To each of you, and your families, we express our profound gratitude and appreciation for the risks you undertake and the sacrifices you make so that all Americans can enjoy the blessings of freedom.

This war, as the president has said, is not one of our making. It was thrust upon us. We act in self-defense – in deliberate response to acts of war directed against the American people, and to prevent future acts from claiming even more innocent life.

We are engaged in a global war, and it is being waged on many fronts using all the instruments of national power. In recent weeks and months, the president has called the world's attention to Saddam Hussein's regime in Iraq. He has rallied the United

Nations to enforce its resolutions calling for the regime's disarmament. To assist this diplomatic offensive and to preserve future options, adjustments to current mobilization, deployment and rotation cycles may be necessary, adjustments that may mean longer tours of duty than you may have expected.

While the times, places, and conditions of deployment cannot now be precisely known, we do recognize the uncertainty these circumstances may create for those in uniform, the civilians who work beside them, and the families and loved ones, without whose support their sacrifices would not be possible.

I know the secretaries and chiefs of the military services are communicating with you in greater detail about these matters, but I want you to know that understanding the impacts of these deployments is important to us. Be assured that the president will not decide to commit forces unless conditions require it, and only as a last resort. Should action be necessary, you will have what you need to carry out the missions assigned. Thank you for all you do for our nation and the world.

An 'airman's' New Year's resolution

BY COL. WILLIAM DELGREGO

48TH OPERATIONS GROUP COMMANDER

We all want to improve ourselves, and the New Year's resolution could be the perfect place to start. As an "airman" in the greatest Air Force in the world, I would like to offer you a simple method to live by and to keep your career in today's Air Force on track. Your goal should be threefold. First, you must be as technically competent as possible in your job. Next, you must be an "airman" recognizing the uniqueness and privilege of being a member of the United States military. Finally, you must be a leader.

Technical competence means nothing more than being the best you can be at your job. Technical orders, Air Force Instructions and Air Force procedures ensure the job is done right so we must use these as the starting points and follow them. Your goal should be to master the skill sets required of you, study to better yourself in your job and watch and learn from those around you. Whether you are preparing an F-15E for flight, controlling a two-ship in the overhead pattern, or flying in a four-ship mission to Baghdad, the job must be done right by following the rules and procedures developed by predecessors.

Next, we must be "airmen." We serve as a privilege to "support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies foreign and domestic." It disheartens me to see some of our fellow airmen show up to work in their civilian clothes, put their uniform on at work for eight to nine hour shifts, and then change again when it is time to leave. They have forgotten we serve 24/7. Being an "airman" means doing more than just what is required. It means improving your work environment, helping the local community, your dorm mates, your enlisted club, the Company Grade Officer Council or whatever organization that adds value to your Air Force way of life. We all volunteered to be a member of the greatest Air Force in the world, so let's not forget the higher cause to which we are aspiring. Your heart should beat strong knowing you make a difference as an "airman" in our Air Force.

Finally, we must all be leaders. You don't have to be a commander or a supervisor to be a leader. Just last month, at the first sergeant's-sponsored "Diamond Sharp" breakfast, I had the great honor to meet our best and brightest, and yes, also our youngest. The common theme the supervisors mentioned is that the honored airmen had taken the lead in their offices. Whether it be the way they wear their uniforms, shine their shoes, stay late when the job is not done, work after hours to better their work environment or participate in local community functions, they are leaders – leading by example and deed. The bottom line is the same: we must all lead in attitude, lead by example and lead by doing the right thing.

Aspire to be better than you can imagine. Know your job, and when you do, teach others to be as good as you. Be proud of your uniform, your medals and ribbons, and your heritage as an "airman" in the greatest Air Force in the world. Finally, be a leader. Lead by example and lead by deed.

LES commemorates Sept. 11 with Pentagon flag

BY MAJ. FRANCISCO G. HAMM

48TH FIGHTER WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

A cast of celebrated American heroes made an appearance Jan. 23 to help more than 900 Lakenheath Elementary School students, teachers, administrators and parents commemorate Sept. 11, 2001, during a ceremony to honor a flag that flew over the Pentagon.

"This (ceremony) brings home to the students the importance of freedom and what their parents are doing here — supporting freedom," said Charles Yahres, LES principal. "It gives a better focus of why they are here (overseas)."

Patriotic songs, dramatic readings and reflective remarks filled the standing-room-only cafeteria as the 35-minute colorful and poignant ceremony unfolded.

"Absolutely wonderful," said Delores M. Brown-Johnson, first grade teacher and event organizer, about the event. "The boys and girls had an active role in the ceremony and that made it very special."

The ceremony included the posting of the colors by the school's Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts, two musical numbers of "You're a Grand Old Flag" and "I Love My Country" sung by the student body, and a dramatic reading that featured parents dressed up like American historical icons. The ceremony was capped off with the symbolic raising of the flag by members of the Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts.

"We wanted our program to have the children, parents and our community involved,"

said Brown-Johnson. "We wanted to reach our entire community."

The ceremony's highlight was the "Tribute to the Flag" reading presented by Yahres and featuring the Lakenheath Creative Dramatics Parents Team starring as Betsy Ross, the American Eagle, Uncle Sam, a Native American, George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and the Statue of Liberty.

Maj. Gen. Michael Wooley, 3rd Air Force commander; Col. Donald Palandech, 48th Mission Support Group commander; Chaplain (Col.) David Broyles, 48th Fighter Wing chaplain; and Col. Anthony Mauer, 100th Operations Group commander, RAF Mildenhall, were the military distinguished guests on hand to share in the celebration. Linda Curtis, Isles District superintendent; Lynda Simmons, district assistant superintendent; and Eileen Williamson, Department of Defense Dependents Schools liaison officer, also attended.

Ceremonies like this were celebrated in every DODDS school in Europe since September 2002 when DODD school Europe received a special Sept. 11 commemorative flag to mark the anniversary of the terrorist attack on the Pentagon.

The goal is to have every school in Europe raise or unfurl the flag at special school



Photo by Maj. Francisco G. Hamm

Cammeron Williams and Robbie McElroy, second grade students, stand at attention during the pledge of allegiance during a Jan. 23 Lakenheath Elementary School commemoration ceremony in remembrance of the Sept. 11 Pentagon victims.

ceremonies or events, according to DODDS officials.

As Team Lakenheath and Team Mildenhall members continue to meet worldwide Air and Space Expeditionary Force requirements, the importance of such an event for the students cannot be overstated. For many of the elementary students, the ceremony was reflective, in more ways than one.

"It hits the vein of what we are all about," said Michael Brandon, LMS assistant principal. "Some students have parents who are already deployed and some have parents who might deploy. This ceremony helps put it in some perspective."

Grim Reapers train in Spain

BY TECH SGT. DEAN J. MILLER

48TH FIGHTER WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Grim Reapers engaged Spanish EF-18 Hornets and F-1 Mirages over Spain during NATO training this week.

The goal of dissimilar air combat training was met with success as 15 493rd Fighter Squadron pilots trained with their Spanish counterparts. The training satisfies a NATO requirement for pilots to train against different airframes.

Maj. Scott Seavers, 493rd FS assistant director of operations, said the Spanish and American pilots trained against each other in the air and alongside each other on the ground.

"The Spaniards are learning how we do business, from briefings to the execution of a mission," he said. "They also see that our debriefings go into a little more detail and highlight training points. The airspace here has been great to train in. Two weeks of dedicated training against dissimilar aircraft — especially four-ship training — has been absolutely fantastic. It's literally six months worth of training in two weeks."

While the ideal combat engagement is via radar intercept and a missile kill, the training allowed Reaper pilots to hone dog-fighting skills in skies with eight engaged aircraft — "four-versus-four," according to Seavers.

"We've flown a few sorties where we don't use the missiles and that forces visual engaged maneuvering," said Seavers. "This is excellent training because you have to keep track of all the different aircraft, maintaining situational awareness on yourself, your element and the other

jets you're fighting."

The Spanish air force reaped many of the same benefits as their American counterparts during the exercise.

"This has been a very good experience training with the F-15s," said Spanish air force Capt. Alvaro Offorio, EF-18 pilot with Torrejon's 122nd Squadron. "Training with different people, aircraft and tactics is very important among NATO allies; we may be fighting together in the future."

"In these two weeks, we've met all of our training objectives," said Offorio. "I have only flown with the Eagles once, but the more you fly with someone, the more you learn. Two weeks isn't long enough to learn everything. Our air forces should do more training like this in the future."

The NATO DACT experience has been a huge benefit to the Reaper pilots, according to Seavers.

"Just getting out against an aircraft with different capabilities is always a learning experience — radar, maneuvering and acceleration are good examples," said Seavers.

In support of the training, Liberty maintainers, with only two spare jets, delivered on a promise of two launches of four aircraft each day. It was a mission challenged, but not impeded, by a delay in the delivery of parts.

"The maintenance warriors here were definitely turning jets," said Capt. Martin Benavidez, 48th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. "We've received outstanding support from the Spanish maintainers. This was a great opportunity to work with our NATO partners."

The main team of Grim Reapers returns today.

Special care needed for smallpox vaccinations

Smallpox vaccinations began Tuesday as part of the Air Force effort to protect troops in the Global War on Terrorism.

The smallpox vaccine contains live vaccinia virus – not the smallpox virus – which protects against smallpox. The vaccine is very effective, however, the vaccination site requires careful care until fully healed. Most people will experience normal, usually mild, reactions such as a sore arm, fever, headache, body ache and/or fatigue. These symptoms may peak eight to 12 days after vaccination. Three to four days after the vaccination, a red itchy bump should develop at the site. Then, in the first week, the bump becomes a large blister and fills with pus. During the second week, the blister begins to dry up and a scab forms. The scab falls off in the third week, leaving a small scar. People who are being vaccinated for the first time will have a stronger reaction than those who are being revaccinated. Anyone who does not get the expected vaccination site reaction will need to be revaccinated.

The vaccinia virus is present on the skin at the vaccination site until the scab falls off. Be careful not to touch it so you don't spread the virus elsewhere – especially to the eyes, nose, mouth or genitalia. Other people can become infected if they come in contact with virus from your arm. You can spread the virus if you touch your blister and then touch another person.

Most vaccination sites can be left unbandaged, especially when not in close

contact with other persons. When in close contact with others, wear sleeves covering the site and/or use an absorbent bandage to make a touch-resistant barrier. Dispose of bandages in sealed or double plastic bags. You may add a little bleach to the bag to kill the virus.

The site needs to be kept dry. Airing will speed the healing. Do not use creams or ointments; they will delay the healing. Long sleeved clothing worn during the day and at night can protect the site from dirt. Launder clothing and linens that touch the site in hot water with soap or bleach.

Normal bathing can continue. Dry the vaccination site last so the towel does not rub or spread the vaccinia virus elsewhere. Don't allow others to use that towel until laundered. Don't use public towels unless laundry workers are alerted that you were vaccinated. Use a waterproof bandage if you exercise enough to cause sweat to drip. Avoid swimming pools and hot tubs until the scab has fallen off.

Key points to remember:

- ☐ Don't touch the vaccination site.
- ☐ If you touch it by accident, wash your hands right away.
- ☐ Don't let others touch your vaccination site or materials that touched it.

If you have any questions or concerns about the smallpox vaccination site, contact your primary care manager.

(Courtesy of 48th Medical Group public health office)



Staff Sgt. Daniel G. Abel
48th Operations
Support Squadron

Hometown: Bend, Ore.
Time in service: Four years Marine Corps and two years, six months Air Force
Time on station: Five months
Hobbies: Running, mountain biking, rock climbing, snowboarding, kayaking, woodworking, gardening, fishing and watching movies
Favorite movie: "Brave Heart" and "Saving

Private Ryan"

How do you contribute to the wing mission? I perform intelligence analysis and prepare multi-threat briefings in support of the 48th FW and the F-15 squadrons

What do you like best about the Air Force? The standard of life is great compared to other services. We really don't realize how good we have it and tend to take it for granted. I speak from prior service experience.

If you could change one thing about the Air Force, what would it be? I would like to change the integrity of all Air Force personnel when it comes to writing performance reports. We all need to realize we are building our future leaders right now. Let's do it right.

Airmen charged at court martials

Three 48th Security Forces Squadron airmen were sentenced during court-martials here Dec. 20 and Jan. 15.

Senior Airman Marks G. Horton, Airman 1st Class Thomas E. Kleitz and Airman 1st Class Anetra S. Taylor each pled guilty to three specifications of violation of Article 112a under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, "wrongful use of controlled substances."

Horton was sentenced to two months confinement, reduction to airman basic and a bad conduct discharge for wrongful use and possession of Ecstasy and marijuana in the form of hashish, during a court-martial here Dec. 20.

Kleitz was sentenced to three and a half months confinement, reduction to airman basic and a bad conduct discharge, for the wrongful use, possession and distribution of Ecstasy, during a court-martial here Dec. 20.

Taylor was sentenced to restriction to the limits of RAF Lakenheath for 60 days, a \$1,500 fine or confinement for 60 days if fine is not paid, reduction in rank to airman basic and a bad conduct discharge for wrongful use of Ecstasy and marijuana in the form of hashish, during a court-martial here Jan. 15.

The court-martials are a continuation of disciplinary actions first announced in an Oct. 16 48th Fighter Wing press release against several U.S. Air Force active-duty members from RAF Lakenheath who were suspected of using, possessing and distributing controlled substances. Horton, Kleitz and Taylor are the third, fourth and fifth airmen court-martialed from the Oct. 13 investigations.

The UCMJ contains the laws that all servicemembers must obey, no matter where they are stationed.



Photo courtesy of the 48th Fighter Wing History Office

Fifty years of news

As part of the 48th Fighter-Bomber Wing's annual training in 1955, pilots flew 18 F-84s to Wheelus Air Base, Tripoli, Libya, for aerial gunnery training. Each of the fighter squadrons deployed to Wheelus twice a year for gunnery training exercises for two to four weeks, which continued throughout the '50s and '60s.

New system for AMC flight details

ROYAL AIR FORCE MILDENHALL, England (USAFENS) — Due to current world conditions, the 727th Air Mobility Squadron passenger terminal here is restricting access to flight information.

Members will still be able to obtain flight information, but for a smaller window of time than was allowed previously. This force protection step means access to specific mission data now depends more on how close a flight is to take-off time, and the method of communication to retrieve this information.

Customers will still be able to get general flight information by phone, fax, e-mail or regular mail. However, people interested in receiving unlimited flight information must show up in person to the terminal passenger service counter within 72 hours of arrival or departure. The new system can only provide arrival and departure information to the closest date (24 to 72 hours) or week (greater than 72 hours).

'Emergency data cards' move to Web

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — Airmen can update their emergency contact information from any Web-connected computer. Called the Virtual Record of Emergency Data, the form provides the Air Force with information needed to contact family members if an airman suffers a serious illness or injury or dies while on active duty.

The vRED replaces the Department of Defense Form 93, Record of Emergency Data, and will need to be kept updated individually. The vMPF will prompt airmen to update their emergency data upon log-in.

Personnel officials encourage all active-duty, Guard and Reserve airmen to update their information every six months, prior to deployments and after moving.

On the AFPC Web page at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil, people can select the "vMPF" logo at the top of the page. New vMPF users will need to establish an account.

For more information about the vMPF, call the Air Force Contact Center at (866) 229-7074.

VFW ships phone cards to military

WASHINGTON, D.C., (USAFENS) — Since late September, the Veterans of Foreign Wars has shipped 1 million free phone cards to servicemembers and veterans.

The VFW is now receiving up to 50,000 requests a week for phone cards, compared to the 300 to 400 received in slower times. People such as parents, spouses, other relatives and military commanders can request the cards for service members and veterans.

U.S. Air Forces in Europe military members preparing for deployment can request phone cards from their base family support centers or first sergeants. To request a phone card on behalf of a servicemember, visit <http://www.operationuplink.org>.

New short-term enlistments coming

BY JIM GARAMONE

AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — A new military short-term enlistment program will begin Oct. 1 aimed at expanding the opportunities for all Americans to serve the country.

Congress authorized the National Call to Service enlistment option as part of the fiscal 2003 National Defense Authorization Act.

The program allows the military services a new option to reach a group of young Americans who otherwise might not serve because of the length of traditional enlistment options, said Bob Clark, assistant director in the Department of Defense's accession policy directorate.

The program will work like this: A recruit enlists for the option and incurs a 15-month active-duty service obligation following completion of initial-entry training, for a total active-duty commitment of about 19 months.

Following successful completion of active duty, servicemembers may re-enlist for further active duty or transfer to the selected reserve for a 24-month obligation.

Once this is completed, servicemembers may stay in the selected reserve or transfer to individual ready reserve for the remainder of an eight-year commitment.

"The unique piece of this legislation is that

while in the individual ready reserve, these young people will be given the opportunity to move into one of the other national service programs, such as AmeriCorps or the Peace Corps, and time in those will count toward their eight-year obligation," Clark said.

While the Army and Navy already have a limited two-year enlistment program, this is the first time the Air Force and Marine Corps will offer the option.

There are four incentives under the option. The first is a \$5,000 bonus payable upon completion of active duty service.

The second is a loan-repayment option also paid at the end of the active-duty portion. The legislation allows for repayment of up to \$18,000 of qualifying student loans.

The final two incentives are tied to, but not part of, the Montgomery G.I. Bill. One gives 12 months of a full Montgomery G.I. Bill stipend — currently about \$900 a month.

The other incentive offers 36 monthly payments at one-half of the current Montgomery G.I. Bill stipend.

The services will set the enlistment criteria. Military specialties that involve long-term training will not be offered. Basic medical specialties, some engineer skills, and personnel, administration and combat specialties will be part of the mix. The first people who opt for this program will go into the delayed-entry program beginning Oct. 1.



Photo by Senior Airman Amanda Mills

Reflect through music

OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM — (Second from right) Tech Sgt. Danielle Griffith, 321st Air Expeditionary Wing, sings in a choir during a special service to commemorate Martin Luther King Jr. Day Jan. 20. Griffith is deployed from the 48th Fighter Wing manpower office in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.



Tradition meets Technology

Story and photos by Master Sgt. Will Ackerman
48th Fighter Wing public affairs

NATO partners pit fighting skills in peacetime aerial battles

In 2003, where technology and the information age are buzz-words, there are still places where traditions of time seem slow to change. Monte Real, Portugal, stands as a testament to this.

Tone-dial telephones give way to the old-fashioned pulse style.

Internet cafes give way to sidewalk cafes where instead of surfing the Web, people stop to take a break and discuss the events of daily life.

Also tucked away here is Portuguese Air Base No. 5, where NATO countries come to hone their tactical fighting skills in some of the world's best combat aircraft.

For the first time in more than a decade, an entire U.S. Air Force squadron detachment deployed here to hone their skills against their NATO brethren. The 492nd Fighter Squadron deployed 10 F-15E Strike Eagles, along with more than 100 maintainers from the 48th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron 492nd FS Aircraft Maintenance Unit from Jan. 17 through today for exercise Daring Eagle 03.

The squadron's aircrews pitted their skills in simulated aerial battles against F-16A Fighting Falcons from the 201 Squadron at Monte Real and F/A2 Sea Harriers from 801 Naval Air Squadron, Royal Naval Air Station Yeovilton, England. Aircrews alternated as friendly and adversary aircraft with each day's scenarios. NATO E-3A AWACS from Geilenkirchen Air Base, Germany, provided airborne command and control.

"Exercises like this improve NATO interoperability," said Lt. Col. Jay Silveria, 492nd FS commander. "The concept of integration is not to maximize my (F-15E's) capabilities, but that

of the entire (NATO) force."

A challenge for these exercises is integrating the various airframes' speed and tactics, according to a Royal Navy Harrier pilot.

"We come from different countries and learn ideas from each other's different backgrounds and experiences," said Royal Navy Flight Lt. Danny Stembridge. "Any exercise we do ... with lots of aircraft types, there's going to be 'teething problems,' but these exercises will make it easier (for NATO forces) to slip into that (coalition) mode."

Weather also played havoc for the first few days. Because of heavy rain and low cloud ceilings, flying was cancelled the exercise's first day, Jan. 20, and the first sorties Jan. 21 because the airfield consists of a different material than RAF Lakenheath, is 1,000 feet shorter and has no radar approach control.

"Without RAPCON, there are a lot stricter criteria for the (aircraft) take-off length required," said 1st Lt. Damon Vorhees, 48th Operations Support Squadron meteorologist.

An F/A2 Sea Harrier from Royal Navy Air Station Yeovilton, England, taxis past an F-15E Strike Eagle from the 492nd Fighter Squadron Jan. 23 at Air Base No. 5, Monte Real, Portugal. Aircrews from the 492nd FS, Royal Navy and Portuguese air force participated in NATO exercise Daring Eagle 03.

But once the simulated air war began, aircraft crew chiefs and back shop maintenance technicians were focused on one thing – "flying and fixing airplanes," said Maj. Matt Sanford, 48th AMXS, 492nd AMU officer in charge.

"It's 'pure mission,'" Sanford said. "It's not as intense as at home station. Here we get in a lot of good training for the young (airmen). Although we don't do anything different on the road than at home, it gives everybody a taste of how to do their job away from home station."

The main difference for maintainers on the road is adapting to the work areas provided at the host base and packing enough spare parts in the mobility bins they work from.

"Although we brought the bare minimum of parts we need to get by, we did pack a little bit of everything, from support equipment to spare engines to trailers and heater units," said Master Sgt. Todd Preisch, the deployed dayshift flightline supervisor.

An added benefit for many back shop maintenance airmen on deployments is they learn and perform flightline tasks they wouldn't do at RAF Lakenheath, and in a less stressful environment.

"I think it would be hectic and disorganized," said Airman 1st Class Johnnie Bricco, 48th AMXS electro-environmental specialist, who normally works on aircraft air conditioning and pressurization systems. "It's the complete opposite. There's no stress at all. And I am learning to assist with avionics and crew chief jobs."

Although the mission focused on the flying mission, the deployment also highlighted the total expeditionary force package. Because many of today's air wars are part of joint force packages that include providing close-air support for Army and Marine ground forces, it's critical to have a direct connection in the air operations center to avoid fratricide – or friendly fire, according to an Army liaison officer.

Army Maj. David Parker, deployed with the 492nd FS, is the 48th Fighter Wing's Army ground liaison officer. He works in the 48th OSS intelligence section and lives at RAF Lakenheath, but he's assigned to the 19th

Battlefield Coordination Detachment at Ramstein, AB, Germany. His job is to work through the BCD then brief Air Force pilots where Army troops are on the ground.

"My mandate is to ensure no friendly force on the ground is in harm's way because information was not properly passed on to the pilots," Parker said. "I'm also there to ensure the Army gets all the air support they asked for, whether it be close-air support or air interdiction."

Providing liaison for the deployed commander at the air control tower, Master Sgt. Bob Lewis, 48th OSS airfield manager, stood watch in the Portuguese tower 30 minutes before the first F-15E takeoff until the last one landed. Lewis monitored the runway and weather and advised the 492nd FS ops duty desk of their conditions.

"I'm not here to make their decisions, but I'm here as their 'eye in the sky,'" Lewis said.

Once the aircrews finished their training sorties, the F-15E aircrews needed to evaluate their training. A system called the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Ranging Interim Training System provided aircrews raw data and graphic visuals of their sorties, start to finish. Deployed contractors from Integrated Defense Technologies Metric Systems loaded an instrumentation pod on the F-15E AIM-9 Sidewinder missile station, and each pilot loaded a PCM-CIA data card into a bay inside the cockpit, where it recorded the flight's data. After the sorties, aircrews came into a briefing room and the sorties were recreated by downloading the



Senior Airman Brent Elliott, 492nd Fighter Squadron life support technician, replaces an oxygen hose on an F-15E Strike Eagle helmet face mask. Elliott was deployed with more than 140 Liberty Warriors to Air Base No. 5, Monte Real, Portugal, from Jan. 17 to 31 for NATO exercise Daring Eagle 03.



Airman 1st Class Matt Packebush, 48th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 492nd Fighter Squadron Aircraft Maintenance Unit crew chief, performs a post-flight inspection on an F-15E Strike Eagle tail rudder at Air Base No. 5, Monte Real, Portugal.

data and replaying them in unison on what resembled a hi-tech computer game screen.

"Before (URITS), we had to recreate the flights individually using onboard 8mm videotapes. Each one was separate. Now we can show the pilots where all the participants were and exactly what everyone did, what went wrong and how to fix it," said Lt. Col. William Miles, 492nd FS director of operations.

But one first-time deployer summed up what many on the trip felt was one of the best benefits. "It's tighter camaraderie out here, working with other people," said Airman 1st Class James Scheele, 492nd FS radar technician. "It's a big melting pot."

LADY LANCERS

clinch Division I lead

boys' team drops two

BY JANIS READY

LAKENHEATH HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL COACH

The Lakenheath High School Lady Lancers claimed the undisputed lead in the Division I girls' basketball race by defeating previously unbeaten Kaiserslautern High School Lady Raiders in Germany, 37-34, Jan. 24, and 37-35 Saturday.

In the Jan. 24 game, Lakenheath lead 12-10 after the first quarter behind the hot shooting of freshman guard Trinity Bursey. In the next two quarters, they settled in, controlled the boards and ended the third with a 29-23 lead. When K-town's All-Europe guard Layla Hicks caught fire and scored nine points for the Lady Raiders, she brought the hometown within two. However, the visitors were not to be denied. Lead by sophomore guard Andrea McCoy's last quarter five points, and strong rebounding by Amanda Hood and Sheila Destigter, the Lady Lancers handed the Lady Raiders their first defeat of the season. McCoy and Bursey both had 11 for the Lady Lancers, Ebony Morris seven, Mimi Smith four, and Hood and Destigter two.

Saturday's rematch was not decided until the final moments. With Lakenheath leading 30-24 at the end of the third, K-town once again fought back and with 20 seconds left tied the score 35-35. McCoy took control of the ball, whittled off 10 seconds, and made a pass to forward Ebony Morris who found Amanda Hood free in the lane. Hood turned and banked a shot in for the 37-35 lead with nine seconds left. The action was not over, however, as Lakenheath fouled twice in the last seconds, but K-town could not convert. Bursey led the scorers with 20, Hood six, McCoy five, Morris three, Natasha Valley two and Mimi Smith one.

The junior varsity girls lost two games 27-7 and 21-19.

In boy's action, the Lancers had trouble finding the range in both their games this weekend as they lost to the host team 51-43 Jan. 24 and 51-39 Saturday.

K-town presented a balanced attack to the visiting Lancers in the Jan. 24 game as nine of the home team got on the scoreboard. Lakenheath trailed by only two at the half, 28-26 and strong third quarter perform-



ances by Phillip Bell and John Rogers put them up by one to start the final eight minutes. Unfortunately, cold shooting dominated the fourth as the Lancers could only put two points on the scoreboard. They could only watch as the game slipped away. Rogers ended the night with 11, Bell nine, Nate Kupko eight, Brandon Bitner and Spence LeClair five, Allen Weaver four, and James Judge one.

On Saturday, the cold shooting continued to haunt the Lancers, as they never managed to get on track.

"I felt we played well defensively. We did what we had to do to play with K-town. We just couldn't get the short, easy shots to drop in the basket," said Lancers Coach John Gilmore "It's hard to win when the layups won't go."

Rogers led all scorers with 23, Allen Weaver and Nathan Kupko added five, Bell four and Justin King two.

Heidelberg High School comes to Lakenheath for this weekend's action. JV girls' action begins at 4 p.m. today. All games continue with 15-minute breaks in between. Saturday's games begin at 10 a.m. For more information, call the LHS athletic department at 7-1542.

SPORTS SHORTS

Powerlifting

The U.S. Forces Powerlifting Championships are Feb. 8 at the sports and fitness center. Volunteers are requested to spot competitors and keep score at the event. The opening ceremony begins at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call 7-3607.

Valentines events

The annual Valentines 5K Fun Walk/Run

is Feb. 15 beginning at 10 a.m. The course starts and finishes at the sports and fitness center. Dogs are allowed, but must be leashed. Volunteers are requested to marshal the course.

The annual Valentines Racquetball Tournament occurs Feb. 21 through 23 at the sports and fitness center. Registration is required. For more information or to enter, call 7-3607.

Ski and snowboard

The Chrysler 2003 U.S. Forces Europe Ski and Snowboard Championship Series is Feb. 13

and 14 in Aviano, Italy and March 1 and 2 in Garmisch, Germany. Ski events are the giant slalom and slalom. The snowboard event is the giant slalom. Categories include novice, racer, pro and youth. The competition is open to military members, civilians, youth, military units and mixed teams of European Command. For more information about the Aviano, event call 39-0434-66-7574 or DSN 632-7574. For more information about the Garmisch event, call 49-8821-750-747 or DSN 440-2747.



Discover Britain

By Sal Davidson – Community Relations Adviser



U.K. special events and getaways

My first article of the New Year covered events that are going to happen throughout the forthcoming year and many of you said how helpful this was for planning ahead. This week's article is along the same lines with some more ideas that will keep you busy on the weekends and vacations.

Events at Royal Palaces

Come face to face with instruments of medieval torture this year at "Torture at the Tower," a new permanent exhibition (beginning at Easter) at London's royal fortress – the **Tower of London**. Pain and suffering was endured here, even by the monarchy. No less than three English queens were executed within its precincts. Other events at the Tower this year include:

March 29 to July 20, every weekend: "Tales of the Tower" – Costumed guides take you on a journey through the centuries.

May 24 to 27, "Attack the Tower" – a siege of 1267 will be re-created.

July 26 to Aug. 3, "Soldiers of Queen Elizabeth" – armed Elizabethan combat comes to life.

Other royal palaces will also be staging events this year.

Kensington Palace, once home of Princess Diana, will stage a "Royal Hats and Handbags" exhibition beginning in May and will include items from the collection of Her Majesty The Queen.

Hampton Court invites visitors to a taste of Elizabethan England in a series of cookery weekends beginning April 9. Culinary historians will recreate dishes as our ancestors would have made them.

The Tower of London, Kensington Palace and Hampton Court palace are open daily. For more information, visit www.hrp.org.uk.

Save money with a four-day heritage pass:

A new four-day version of a popular pass to heritage attractions in the United Kingdom will save visitors money. The Great British Heritage Pass, which allows unlimited admission to nearly 600 historic houses, castles and gardens has previously only been available in seven-day, 15-day and one-month versions.

Reflecting demand from many foreign visitors who are taking shorter, more frequent breaks, the British Tourist Authority, which administers the pass, has introduced the four-day option at a cost of £22. Holders visiting five attractions can save between £13 and £16 on normal admission prices. The other passes cost £35 for seven days, £46 for 15 days and £60 for one month.

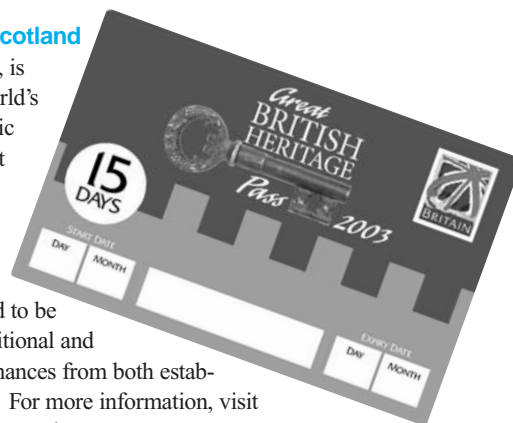
Properties accepting the pass for the first time (which is only available to overseas residents) include London's St. Paul's Cathedral (where Princess Diana was married),

Ironbridge Gorge Museums, the Royal Horticultural Society's garden at Wisley and the Anglo-Saxon ship burial site at Sutton Hoo.

Details are available from British Tourist Authority offices. For more information, visit www.visitbritain.com/heritagepass.

Celtic Festival in Scotland

Glasgow, Scotland, is playing host to the world's largest festival of Celtic music this winter. Last year, 12,000 people attended "Celtic Connections". This year's event (Jan. 15 to Sunday) is expected to be even bigger, with traditional and contemporary performances from both established and new talent. For more information, visit www.celticconnections.co.uk.



Elizabethan-style plays in London

The 400th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth I's death will be marked with Shakespearean productions staged just as the queen would have seen them at the playwright's reconstructed "theatre in the round" in London.

The 2003 season at Shakespeare's Globe, staged between May and September at the faithful reconstruction of the bard's open-air playhouse of 1599, includes productions where the costumes, music and settings are accurate to the year 1603 in every detail. The clothing, for example, will be made only from material available in Shakespeare's time using original methods.

The original plays are Shakespeare's "Richard II," "Richard III" and "The Taming of the Shrew," plus Christopher Marlowe's "Edward II."

Beneath the theatre, built of English oak and thatch, and situated on the South Bank of the River Thames, is the Globe Exhibition where visitors discover how Elizabethan theatres were built, their special effects and the music performed. Visitors can also learn how

Bankside, home of Shakespeare's Globe, was a "red-light" area of gambling dens, brothels, bear-baiting pits and taverns, set apart from the "respectable" parts of the city.

Entry to the exhibition, including a tour, is £8 for adults and £5.50 for children. It opens daily and theatre tickets are extra, if required. For more information, call (02079) 021500 or visit www.shakespeares-globe.org.

Shakespeare's Globe theatre in London.



For more information on living in Britain, look in the British community information public folder, or call Sal Davidson, community relations advisor, at 7-3145, or e-mail sal.davidson@lakenheath.af.mil.



Briefs

Skills Development Center hours

The Skills Development Center changed its operating hours to weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for retail sales only.

Air Guard recruiting

□ The Massachusetts Air National Guard is recruiting in these specialties: 2A1X1, 2A1X2, 2A6X2, 2A6X3, 2A6X4, 2A6X5, 2A7X1, 2A7X3m 2W1X1, 3E0X2, 3E4X1, 3P0X1, 4A1X1, 5R0X1 and many more. Cross training may be available and college benefits are included. For more information e-mail Recruiting@mabarn.ang.af.mil or call DSN (314) 636-9567.

□ The 109th Airlift Wing, in Scotia, N.Y., home of the C-130 Ski-birds, has traditional guard vacancies in these career fields: 1A1X1, 2A5X1, 2A5X3, 2A6X1, 2A6X2, 2A6X4, 2A6X5, 2A6X6, 2A7X1, 2A7X3, 2E1X3, 2E6X3, 2F0X1, 2S0X1, 2T251, 3C0X1, 3E0X1, 3E1X1, 3E2X1, 3E4X1, 3E7X1, 3M0X1, 3P0X1, 4A0X1, 4A2X1, 4E0X1, 4N0X1, 6F0X1 and full-time active duty opportunities for the 2A5X1 career field. For more information e-mail Wesley.Ryerson@nyscot.ang.af.mil, or call DSN 312-344-2456.

New pharmacy procedures

The 48th Medical Group pharmacy begins point-of-service dispensing for prescriptions from patient providers Saturday. This means prescription processing will not begin until the patient or their representative checks in at the pharmacy customer service window. This measure is being taken to reduce the number of prescriptions that are filled, but not picked up by patients.

In addition, to reduce patient waiting time, all refills must be phoned in through the automated system by midnight at least one day in advance to ensure they are ready for pick-up the next duty day.

Charity donations

The Airman's Attic offers free clothing, bric-a-brac and other items to retirees, active-duty

members and dependents from 10 a.m. to noon Monday and Wednesdays for staff sergeants and below, and from noon to 2 p.m. for all ranks and retirees. Thursday hours are from 6 to 8 p.m. for all ranks. Donations of clean, serviceable items are welcome during open hours only. Items left outside are considered a security risk.

Youth

Youth of the Year

Youth interested in competing in the Boys and Girls Clubs of America Youth of the Year program may pick up nomination packages at the youth center. The program recognizes outstanding achievements of youth ages 14 to 18 who demonstrated service to their youth center and community, achieved academic excellence and contributed to their family. First place earns a \$3,000 scholarship and the runner-up earns a \$2,000 scholarship. Packages must be turned in no later than March 7 to the youth center.

Jump Rope for Heart

The Lakenheath Elementary School sponsors Jump Rope for Heart to raise money for the American Heart Association fight against heart disease Feb. 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the school gym. The Blue and White Skippers jump-rope demonstration team will perform.

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Nyssa Iyana Mallari was born Oct. 7 weighing 7 pounds, 15 ounces, to Staff Sgt. Darwin and Sylvia Mallari, 48th Mission Support Squadron.

Abigail Ann Keller was born Nov. 25 weighing 9 pounds, 11 ounces, to Special Agent Geoffrey and Kim Keller, Air Force Office of Special Investigations/Detachment 512, RAF Lakenheath.

Deondre Isaias Burnley was born Dec. 1 weighing 9 pounds, 1 ounce, to Senior Airman Darryl and Joanna Burnley, 48th Security Forces Squadron.

Abigail Elisabeth Ross was born Dec. 2 weighing 7 pounds, to Staff Sgt. Ben and Meliah Ross, 48th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

Kyleigh Michelle Barber was born Dec. 4 weighing 7 pounds, 13 ounces, to Staff Sgt. David and Melissa Barber, 48th SFS.

Haylee Marie Jenkins was born Dec. 5 weighing 8 pounds, 3 ounces, to Kent and Angela Jenkins, 48th Services Squadron.

Kaleb Xavier Wingate Brunhoeber was born Dec. 6 weighing 7 pounds, 13 ounces, to Staff Sgt. Oliver and Rachel Brunhoeber, NEVD UK/IRE Division, RAF Feltwell.

Noam Eliyahu Narrowe was born Dec. 9 weighing 7 pounds, 1 ounce, to Capt. Joshua and Adrienne Narrowe, 100th Air Refueling Wing, RAF Mildenhall.

Tanae Arianna Dames was born Dec. 11 weighing 8 pounds, 8 ounces, to Staff Sgt. Rachael and Leon Dames, 100th Services Squadron.

Jackson Evan-James Blansit was born Dec. 13 weighing 6 pounds, 13 ounces, to Staff Sgt. Bobbi and Lonnie Blansit, 100th Comptroller Squadron.

Ronan Frank McKenzie was born Dec. 13 weighing 8 pounds, 2 ounces, to Staff Sgt. Eric and Mary McKenzie, 48th Equipment Maintenance Squadron.

Michael Daniel Fanelli was born Dec. 17 weighing 7 pounds, 8

CHAPEL SERVICE SCHEDULE

Catholic

RAF Lakenheath

- Saturday Mass – 5 p.m.
 - Sunday Mass – 9:30 a.m.
 - Daily Mass – 11:30 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
 - Communion Service – 11:30 a.m. Wednesday
- RAF Feltwell*
- Sunday Mass – 11:30 a.m.

Protestant

(All Protestant services held on Sundays unless otherwise stated)

RAF Lakenheath

- Contemporary Service – 7 p.m. Friday
- Gospel Service – 8 a.m.
- Protestant Service – 11 a.m.
- Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

RAF Feltwell

- Protestant Service – 10 a.m.
- Sunday School – 8:45 a.m.

Denominational services

- Assemblies of God-Sunday Night Live – 6 p.m.
- Jewish – Events held at RAF Mildenhall chapel: Sabbath Services are at 6 p.m. the second and fourth Friday of each month. For more information, call 98-2822.
- Muslim - For more information, call Staff Sgt. Youssef Fayed at 7-3419.

For more information, call 7-3711.

ounces, to Staff Sgt. Christopher and Sarah Fanelli, 727th Air Mobility Squadron, RAF Mildenhall.

Christian London Hayes was born Dec. 17 weighing 8 pounds, 9 ounces, to Senior Airman Kristia Hayes, 48th Logistics Readiness Squadron and Robert Hayes, 100th CPTS, RAF Mildenhall.

Kara Michelle Hullman was born Dec. 19 weighing 8 pounds, 14 ounces, to Staff Sgt. Matthew Hullman, 351st Air Refueling Squadron, RAF Mildenhall and Senior Airman Jennifer Hullman, 48th Medical Group.

Aidan Joseph Valois was born Dec. 19 weighing 9 pounds, 11 ounces, to Staff Sgt. Joseph and Andrea Valois, 48th SFS.

Keila Maya-Lei Minami Chilcote was born Dec. 21 weighing 6 pounds, 5 ounces, to Senior Airman Jeremy and Aya Chilcote, 100th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, RAF Mildenhall.

Gryphen Patrich Bagwell was born Dec. 24 weighing 7 pounds, 4 ounces, to Senior Airman Wallace and Denita Bagwell, 48th EMS.

Spencer Douglas Laumann was born Dec. 24 weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces, to Senior Airman Christopher and Brooke Laumann, 48th Civil Engineer Squadron.

Jenna Lynn Trollinger was born Dec. 26 weighing 7 pounds, 3 ounces, to Staff Sgt. John Trollinger, 48th Component Maintenance Squadron and Senior Airman Stacy Trollinger, 48th CMS.

Ethan David Beinhowe was born Dec. 27 weighing 6 pounds, 7 ounces, to Staff Sgt. Jesse Beinhowe, 48th EMS and Staff Sgt. Kallie Beinhowe, 48th EMS.

Rachel Ann Rodriguez was born Dec. 27 weighing 8 pounds, 12 ounces, to Maj. James and Debbie Rodriguez, Headquarters 3rd Air Force, RAF Mildenhall.

Christian Cesar Gonzalez was born Dec. 31 weighing 6 pounds, 2 ounces, to Capt. Cesar and JoAnna Gonzalez, 48th Maintenance Operations Squadron.

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School Advisory Meeting

The Lakenheath Middle School Advisory Committee meets Feb. 4 in the school Ivy Room to discuss the music program, snack sales and school renaming. For more information, call 7-7006.

School play

The International Thespian Society Troupe 5803 and Lakenheath High School Drama club present the feminine version of "The Odd Couple" Feb. 5 through 8 at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Tickets are \$2 for adults and \$1 for children age 3 and older. Due to the play's subject matter, parental discretion concerning children under 7 years old is advised.

Events

Play auditions

Onsong Productions holds auditions at Lakenheath Elementary School Feb. 8 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. for a show celebrating Bernstein and Gershwin songs for venues around Suffolk. Show dates are May 10 and 17 and June 17, 18 and 19. Interested performers should bring their own sheet-music for their audition song.

Charity basket auction

The RAF Lakenheath American Red Cross hosts a charity basket auction Feb. 21. Units and

individuals are invited to donate a basket or services for auction. Proceeds benefit the American Red Cross. Baskets can have unique themes such as golf, education, fitness or food. For more information, call 7-1855.

Fashion show

The Officer and Civilian Spouses' Club holds a fashion show as its monthly event Feb. 13 at 10:30 a.m. in the Eagles' Landing Ballroom. Cost is \$10.

Classes

Marriage conference

The 2003 Military Marriage Conference is March 7 through 9 at the Cambridge Crowne Plaza. Couples will learn to resolve conflict and improve other areas of their relationships.

Active parenting of teens

Four classes aimed at parents of teens are Feb. 5, 12, 19 and 26 from noon to 1 p.m. in the youth center teen room. The class discusses teen behavior, motivation, parent-teen communication, drug abuse prevention and discipline while instilling responsibility and more.

MOVIES

RAF Mildenhall 98-2351

Today

6:30 p.m., Kangaroo Jack, PG, starring Jerry O'Connell and Anthony Anderson. Two friends from Brooklyn are forced to deliver mob money to Australia. When one of them places his red jacket on a kangaroo and the kangaroo bounces off, they realize the mob money is in the jacket - and are forced to give chase through the Outback.

9:30 p.m., The Ring, PG 13, starring Naomi Watts and Chris Cooper. Rachel uncovers a strange videotape which may have been to blame for the deaths of local teenagers. An urban legend says that whoever watches the tape will die after seven days. After she and her son watch the tape she realizes she's running out of time to uncover the secret of the ring.

Saturday

4:00 p.m., Jonah-A VeggieTales Movie, G, animated. The Veggie gang set sail on a whale of an adventure in Jonah. The story of Jonah and the whale as you've never seen it before - a story where everyone learns that one of the best gifts you can give or get is a second chance.

6:30 p.m., My Big Fat Greek Wedding, PG, starring Nia Vardalos and John Corbett. Ian asks Toula to marry him, he is tall, handsome and definitely not Greek. Toula knows that if he can pass muster with her crazy relatives and get baptized in the Greek Orthodox Church, their big Greek wedding, will be a piece of cake.

9:00 p.m., 8 Mile, R, starring Eminem and Kim Basinger. A young white rapper from Detroit who must learn to deal with his emotions and anger through music. Struggling with the psychological drain of being the only white kid around and

without a supportive family to help him, the rapper turns to his music and his girlfriend to find the courage to make the most of the crummy life he was dealt.

Sunday

3:30 p.m., Kangaroo Jack, PG

6:30 p.m., My Big Fat Greek Wedding, PG

Monday

6:30 p.m., Moonlight Mile, PG 13, starring Jake Gyllenhaal and Dustin Hoffman. When Joe plans for marriage change due to an unexpected loss, he wants to be the man he believes everyone wants him to be: bereaved husband-to-be, and perfect would-be son-in-law. But when another woman unexpectedly enters his life, he's quickly torn between fulfilling his new role and following his heart.

Tuesday

6:30 p.m., I Spy, PG 13, starring Eddie Murphy and Owen Wilson. Based on the 1960's television series I Spy, Secret agent Scott recruits professional boxer Robinson to help him recover the U.S. government's prototype spy plane.

Wednesday

6:30 p.m., Red Dragon, R,

starring Anthony Hopkins and Edward Norton. After capturing Dr. Hannibal Lecter, former FBI agent Will Graham is recruited by the agency to help track down a new killer who has slaughtered entire families. To do this, he has to work with the imprisoned Lecter, with whom he shares a unique relationship. The FBI comes to believe the killer is in contact with Lecter, and as Will works with his mentor, Agent Crawford, on the case, he finds himself the target of the press, namely a tabloid reporter. Meanwhile, Francis Dolarhyde, the killer, develops an odd relationship with a blind coworker, which may help tame his violent ways — or stoke the fires even more.

Thursday

6:30 p.m., My Big Fat Greek Wedding, PG

Editor's note: The Pine View Theater is scheduled to open in March 2003 after renovations.



Photo by 1st Lt. Christopher Watt

Happy&healthy

Blaine Richardson (right) shows a set of healthy teeth to Brig. Gen. John T. Brennan, 48th Fighter Wing commander, during a visit to his office Tuesday. The general shared the importance of dental maintenance and prevention with Richardson, Tanaeya Bocclair (left) and other Department of Defense Dependents School children before signing the Children's Dental Health month proclamation. The 48th Dental Squadron celebrates the month in February with the following activities: **Feb. 4** - Lakenheath Library Dental Story Hour from 10 to 11 a.m.; **Feb. 8** - BXtra, RAF Mildenhall, Dental Information Booth Display, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; **Feb. 15** - BX Dental Information Booth Display, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; **Feb. 21** - "Give Kids a Smile Day" — special treatment day for kids; **Feb. 22** - "Brush, Floss and Roller Skating Party," from 2 to 6 p.m.; **Feb. 25** Lakenheath Library Story Hour, from 10 to 11 a..